

REAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2020 4:30 PM
DIAL IN NUMBER (US) 1-312-584-2401 MEETING ID: 1378275#
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Call to Order (4:40 PM)

Members Present: D. Bost, Erbes, Mueller and Peterson
Members Absent: Edmond, Mendoza, Jr. and Morris

Also present: Maureen Berkowitz, Gene Basden, Mitch Burdick, Gene Turk, Josh Barringer

Approval of Minutes

- I. [20-5240](#) Approval of July 15, 2020 Minutes
A motion was made by Erbes, seconded by Mueller, to approve the July 15, 2020 minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Highway Department

- II. [20-5247](#) SIMPO-Southern Illinois Metropolitan Planning Organization
Peterson reported to the committee that SIMPO had met and discussed upcoming projects including an anti-skid correction for the northbound entrance to I-57 in Marion and a project in Carterville for 2023 had been dropped.
- III. [20-5248](#) Jackson County Bike Routes
Peterson noted that there was a no match grant available but that SIMPO would help Murphysboro apply for assistance to aid in completing the bike route along Route 13. Erbes and D. Bost agreed to reach out to the city of Murphysboro since it was eligible for this grant as well.
- IV. [20-5249](#) Payment of Highway Monthly Claims
A motion was made by D. Bost, seconded by Erbes, to approve the payment of Highway Monthly claims in the amount of \$466,141.48. The motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: 4 - D. Bost, Erbes, Mueller and Peterson
Absent: 3 - Edmond, Mendoza, Jr. and Morris
- V. [20-5253](#) IDOT Letter of Understanding IL127/Ava Rd/ Kimmel Bridge Rd
Burdick noted that with this Letter of Understanding the Illinois Department of Transportation agrees to:
1. Make the surveys, prepare the plans and special provisions, acquire any necessary right of way, receive bids, award the Letter of contract, furnish engineering inspection during construction, and cause the improvement to be built in accordance with the approved plans, specifications and contract
2. Improve both Ava and Kimmel Bridge Roads by widening the existing pavement and/or constructing additional pavement consisting of 11.5" thick asphalt pavement along with 4' wide and 8" thick asphalt shoulders on top of 12" thick lime modified soil or aggregate subbase to the end of the radius returns with directional raised concrete islands.
3. Maintain the through and turn lanes of Illinois Route 13/127 along with Storm sewer installed with this project.
4. Assume all land acquisition, construction, and engineering costs associated with the improvement.

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In accordance with this Letter of Understanding Jackson County agrees to:

1. Retain jurisdiction and maintenance of the improved roadway of Ava and Kimmel Bridge Road from the edge of pavement of the through lanes of Illinois Route 13/127.

A motion was made by Mueller, seconded by Erbes, to approve to sign off on the IDOT Letter of Understanding IL127/Ava Rd/ Kimmel Bridge Rd. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - D. Bost, Erbes, Mueller and Peterson

Absent: 3 - Edmond, Mendoza, Jr. and Morris

VI. [20-5250](#)

County Highway Department Update

Burdick gave a County Highway Update to the committee, noting his attached letter should be referenced for more detailed information. He noted updates to current projects, budgets, and items relating to Covid-19.

Land Use & Economic Development

VII. [20-5242](#)

Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission

A. Adoption of 2020 CEDS by the Jackson County Board Resolution

A motion was made by Mueller, seconded by Erbes, to approve the adoption of 2020 CEDS by the Jackson County Board. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - D. Bost, Erbes, Mueller and Peterson

Absent: 3 - Edmond, Mendoza, Jr. and Morris

VIII. [20-5243](#)

Supervisor of Assessments

Berkowitz gave the committee an update on the current 2020 Equalized Assessed Valuation, she noted that it is the lowest it has been in many years.

IX. [20-5244](#)

Jackson Growth Alliance

A. 2018 Retention Visits/Fundraising

Mueller gave an update on the Jackson Growth Alliance and noted that this year they would be requesting funds differently than in previous years. She noted they would be asking for a lower dollar amount and a 3 year commitment.

X. [20-5245](#)

Comprehensive Plan

No update for this agenda item.

XI. [20-5246](#)

River Levee Project Update

Peterson noted that work on the levee should resume this fall.

County Buildings & Grounds

XII. [20-5255](#)

Future Buildings Discussion

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Peterson discussed with the committee different building options. Discussion was also had concerning bringing in a structural engineer to look at those proposed buildings for estimates on bringing the buildings up to code and re-modeling the inside to fit the County's current needs. It was decided by the committee to have the County Administrator reach out to get a cost on bringing the structural engineer out to look at the buildings before the current months full board meeting or before next months Real Property meeting.

There was also a discussion on the Willis building and what plans were in place to fix the current issues on the building.

Communication

- XIII. [20-5241](#) Equalized Assessed Valuations
This item was informational only.
- XIV. [20-5251](#) Western Crab Orchard Creek Watershed Meeting
This item was informational only.

Old Business

New Business

Executive Session

- XV. [20-5274](#) Executive Session under 2 (c) 11 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to Discuss Potential Litigation
A motion was made by Erbes, seconded by D. Bost, to approve the State's Attorney Office to send a letter to the insurance company and owner of the Gillenburg building. The motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: 4 - D. Bost, Erbes, Mueller and Peterson
Absent: 3 - Edmond, Mendoza, Jr. and Morris
A motion was made by Mueller, seconded by Erbes, to approve moving the discussion to full board of whether to have experts provide assessments on the work needed to remove the Gillenberg Building wall and do the necessary repairs on the Willis Building to make it habitable again. The motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: 4 - D. Bost, Erbes, Mueller and Peterson
Absent: 3 - Edmond, Mendoza, Jr. and Morris
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Adjourn (6:05 PM)

Mueller moved and Erbes seconded to adjourn, motion carried.
